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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL GREET'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
VIETNAM WORKERS PARTY

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1. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL (NCNA FEBRUARY 3) GREETING  
THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WORKERS' PARTY PLACES  
EMPHASIS ON A "NEW PERIOD" IN VIETNAM AND AVOIDS DWELLING ON  
THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IN-COUNTRY. THE ARTICLE CITES  
THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS "TO SAFEGUARD THE PARIS AGREE-  
MENT AND THE FRUITS OF REVOLUTION ALREADY WON" AND EXPRESSES  
THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND PEOPLE'S ELATION OVER VICTORIES  
IN "BUILDING THE SOCIALIST NORTH". BUT IT CAMOUFLAGES ANY PRC  
SUPPORT FOR THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE BY DEFINING IT AS "THE  
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STRUGGLE TO PUSH FORWARD THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION

IN THE SOUTH AND PROCEED TO THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND".

2. THERE IS MINIMAL CRITICISM OF THE CURRENT US ROLE IN VIETNAM. THE EDITORIAL MERELY REPEATS THE USUAL CHARGE THAT THE THIEU REGIME "WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE US IS VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT". THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, CONTAINS NO CALL FOR CESSATION OR TERMINATION OF US SUPPORT FOR THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, SUGGESTING THAT PEKING DOES NOT FORSEE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL AID TO SAIGON.

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH THE USUAL GENERAL PLEDGE OF SUPPORT AND STAYS AWAY FROM ANY SPECIFIC OR NEW LANGUAGE ABOUT ASSISTANCE.

4. ON FEBRUARY 1, THE CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE SENT A MESSAGE ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO ITS N. VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE LAST PUBLISHED MESSAGE FROM THE CPC CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 1970, THIS YEAR'S MESSAGE DOES NOT CITE MAO'S STATEMENT THAT CHINA IS "RELIABLE REAR AREA" OF THE VIETNAMESE, AN ASSURANCE SELDOM MADE PUBLIC SINCE 1972 BUT WHICH WAS RESURRECTED FOR A 1974 PRC MESSAGE TO A N. VIETNAMESE TRADE UNION MEETING (1974 HONG KONG 1692).  
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